

this, let them write to Government of India. Certainly we can consider their suggestion.

*(Interruptions)**

MR. SPEAKER: That is not going on record.

[Translation]

SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to congratulate the hon. Minister of Home Affairs for the statement he has given in regard to Jharkhand, though it is quite balated one. But I would like to submit that many States were formed on the basis of 6th schedule of the Constitution even after Independence, but 5th schedule relates to the Centre. Thus demands were raised and fulfilled under the 5th schedule. But no demands have been taken into consideration under the 5th schedule. May I know as to why the Government delayed a decision in the matter? I would like to submit that keeping in view the fact that the development matters relate to schedule 5, but even today the tribal areas.....

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Please come to the point now.

SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Government take initiative for speedy implementation to solve the problem?

SHRI S.B. CHAVAN: I fully agree with the hon. Member's view that there is need to pay attention to the Adivasis and that we have not paid due attention to them so far. Besides, there are no two opinions that the benefits of the schemes launched for Adivasis has not reached to them. Now the question is whether granting of statehood can be a solution or is there any other alternative also. Unless we know the views of the concerned state Governments in this regard, it will not be possible for me to say that which alternative will be acceptable to the Central Government.

SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV: The hon. Home Minister is repeatedly saying that unless the views of the concerned states are not known, it will be very difficult to take any decision in this regard. He is also saying at the same time that we should sympathetically consider the problems of Adivasis. When he agrees in principle that the Centre will have to formulate a legislation and take a decision in the matter, why has the opinion of the State Governments not been sought on this issue so far. Therefore, instead of writing letters to them and waiting for their reply, will the hon. Minister convene a meeting of the four Chief Ministers in this regard, because now this issue is agitating the minds of the masses and taking the form of a movement. I would like to know whether a meeting of the Chief Ministers would be convened to avoid this situation.

SHRI S.B. CHAVAN: The Centre will not make it a prestige issue. We do not have any objection or difficulty in convening the meeting of Chief Ministers of four States.

[English]

STD Facility In Coimbatore

*144. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bombay and Delhi have been provided with international STD facilities through the medium of satellite communication;

(b) whether such facility is not available in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to provide this facility in Coimbatore?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Sir, international STD facility is already available in Coimbatore.

(c) and (d). Does not arise in views of 'b' above.

(Interruptions)

SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: Tiruppur is exporting Rs. 700 crores worth of hosiery goods and readymade garments and there is on port there. What are you doing, Sir? *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: You have to ask the question. You do not have to give me the information.

SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: There is a very little telephone and telex facility. What action the Government is going to take to improve it?

The facility extended to Coimbatore is not working properly. Businessmen at Coimbatore are facing so many problems. I would like to know whether the Government will come forward to attend to this problem immediately.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is a fact that service between Coimbatore and Madras has deteriorated. There were reasons for that. Circuits were not sufficient, traffic was also more. At present there are seven in and four out circuits. As the hon. Member has said this complaint was received by the Department a month back and we immediately reacted to that. We have now added more to the circuits. At present, the number of circuit is 13 plus 10. It has been completed on the 29th of last month. We now have additional circuits available. And this problem of analogue and digital in this circuit, is also being looked into. We are hopeful that by March 1992, we will have 30 circuits and we will change over to the digital

one. After that service between Coimbatore and Madras should not be a problem.

SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: What action the Government is going to take to give more telex and telephone facilities to Tiruppur which is exporting hosiery goods and readymade garments worth Rs. 700 crores per year? *(Interruptions)**

MR. SPEAKER: That information is not required. That is not going on record. Now the question is: "What steps the Government is going to take?"

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Mr. Speaker, Sir, as I have admitted myself, the services were not sufficient. We have done the additional circuits and the waiting list in Coimbatore as on today is round about 17,000 on the exchange. *(Interruptions)**

MR. SPEAKER: That is not going on record.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: As rightly pointed out by the hon. Member, it is one of the commercial centres in the South. Knowing the problem, we have decided to add 10,000 lines by March 1992. So this will certainly bring down the waiting list. As far as the telex is concerned, the moment we have the additional equipment there and the facilities are available, I do not think that the telex problem will be there. In case if the problem still exists, I will certainly tie up with the hon. Member and sort it out.

Guidelines for Granting Extension to T.V. Serials

*145 SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines for granting extension to T.V. serials;

(b) the details of T.V. serials which were